

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Senate Executive Committee**

Minutes
July 22, 2014

Present: Chair Roy Campbell, Vice Chair Kim Graber, Abbas Aminmansour, Pat Gill, John Hart, Harry Hilton, Prasanta Kalita, Calvin Lear, Melissa Madsen, William Maher, Gay Miller, Joyce Tolliver

Guests: President Robert Easter, Provost Ilesanmi Adesida, Associate Chancellor Reginald Alston (via phone), Dr. Joseph Barkmeier from Carle, Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs Robin Kaler, Prof David O'Brien, Chancellor Phyllis Wise

Media: Tyler Davis (Daily Illini), Christine De Garennes (News-Gazette), Mike Helenthal (Inside Illinois)

A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 1:04 pm on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 in 232 English Building, with Chair Campbell presiding.

1. Executive Session with the President to Evaluate the Chancellor

The SEC voted to move into executive session at 1:05 pm to discuss the performance evaluation of Chancellor Phyllis Wise.

The SEC voted to move out of executive session at 2:05 pm.

2. Proposed University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Medicine

Wise distributed a draft proposal document for establishing a College of Medicine at the Urbana-Champaign Campus. At the previous SEC meeting a subcommittee was formed that included SEC members Hilton, Miller, Tolliver, Campbell, Aminmansour, Maher, and Wheeler. This subcommittee has since provided advice to the Chancellor on the steps necessary to establish a new college at Illinois.

One of the goals for establishing the College of Medicine is to provide better health care to more people at a lower cost. The way Illinois can contribute to this goal is through big data, engineering, and technology driven medicine such as medical devices and techniques. Illinois has one of the premier engineering colleges; ranked in the top 5 for the past 20 years. Adesida added that Illinois needs to actively pursue the biomedical and bioengineering fields in order to remain in the top five engineering colleges over the next five years. This is very important in order to maintain the excellence of this university.

Carle was chosen as the main partner as it is the only health care system in Illinois that has a clinic, hospital, and insurance company. Joseph Barkmeier, MD from Carle has been strategically involved with Carle. With his clinical work ending, he is excited to meet with and work with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The College of Medicine proposal is to start small with 25 students and grow that number by 50 students per year over the next 5-7 years. Medical student graduates from Illinois will be different than typical medical students. Illinois medical students will have a greater emphasis on the engineering aspect and will be fusing medical and engineering together. A Physician Biotechnologist might go into industry or choose to start his/her own business. Apple and Intel are looking for people to use their platforms in a biomedical setting.

Illinois is committed to not ask the state for new GRF (General Revenue Fund). Wise has plans to financially partner with corporations and donors for funding. Approximately \$100 million is needed to start the college over 5 years. Revenue will come from tuition, clinical revenue sharing,

philanthropy, and commercial partners. Economic development is expected for Urbana-Champaign and surrounding areas from this venture. The business case is currently being developed.

The timeline for the proposal process is to present to SEC and to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) in 2014. The next step is to go to the full Senate, University Senates Conference (USC), and Board of Trustees (BOT). And in 2015 the proposal will go before the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The goal is to have the first class begin in 2017.

This draft proposal came before the SEC to garner faculty input before presenting the information at the BOT Health Care System Committee on September 3.

Barkmeier noted that there is an overwhelmingly positive response from physicians at Carle. The Carle Board of Trustees has already decided to support this partnership financially. Wise added that she met with the Mayor of Urbana and reassured them that Illinois has no plan to buy Carle or more land. Illinois will need to partner further than Carle, but right now there needs to be just the two main partners to establish the college. There will be many partners.

Wise noted that Illinois is a land grant institution so the goal is to focus on the engineering side of medicine and not to tip towards medicine. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Medicine will have a unique mission and will not be in competition with the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine.

The Dean of the College of Medicine would report to the Provost and to Carle, but the Dean would make the faculty hiring decisions and determine the curriculum. This is not any different than any other college at Illinois.

Aminmansour made a motion that the SEC offer its enthusiastic support to the Chancellor and Provost to further explore the possibility of the establishment of a separately accredited College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and encourage the Chancellor and Provost to move forward with the process of review and present a proposal to the Senate as expeditiously as possible. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Designate Urbana Senate Observer

Roy Campbell will attend the July 24, 2014 BOT meeting as the Urbana Senate Observer.

4. New Business

None

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate